Vishakhapatnam, Mangalore, Guntur, Vijayawada, Aligarh, Tuticorin and Karur over a period of time with a view to facilitating the exporters. The branches in Chandigarh, Rajkot, Jodhpur, Vishakhapatnam and Noida are expected to be opened by October, 2003.

(c) No funds have been provided by the Government for this purpose. ECGC will manage these branches from the resources available with the Organisation.

(d) At present there is a vast untapped potential in these major export centres and ECGC does not have its presence there. By opening of these branches, ECGC expects to provide better service to the exporters and bring in more business.

Marine export from Orissa

1512. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 2003 and state the target set for export of marine products from Orissa and other coastal States during the year 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) A target of US $ 1376 million for the year 2003-04 has been fixed by the Government for the export of marine products. There is no system of fixing State-wise targets in this regard.

Germany's apprehensions on economic reforms

1513. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the German industry finds economic reforms in India too opaque to encourage high level of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to remove the hurdles and misapprehensions which are standing in the way of India being a safe and viable FDI destination; and